

**ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, PRODUCTS WITH NICOTINE, AND DRUG USE BY
STUDENTS PROHIBITED**

A student shall not, regardless of the quantity, use or consume, possess, buy or sell, or give away any beverage containing alcohol; any tobacco product, including vapor/E-cigarettes; nicotine; marijuana; steroids; or any controlled substance. The School Committee prohibits the use or consumption by students of alcohol, tobacco products, or drugs on school property, at any school function, or any school sponsored event.

Additionally, any student, regardless of age, who is under the influence of drugs or alcoholic beverages prior to, or during, attendance at, or participation in, a school-sponsored activity, will be barred from that activity and may be subject to disciplinary action.

The East Longmeadow Public School District shall utilize, in accordance with law, a verbal screening tool approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to screen students for substance abuse disorders. The tool shall be administered by trained staff on an annual basis at grades 7 and 9.

Parents/guardians shall be notified prior to the opening of school each year. Parents/guardians shall have the right to opt out of the screening by a written notice prior to or during the screening.

All statements made by a student during a screening are confidential and shall not be disclosed except in the event of a medical emergency or in accordance with law. De-identified results shall be reported to the Department of Public Health within 90 days of completion of the screening process.

This policy shall be posted on the district's website and notice shall be provided to all students and parents of this policy in accordance with state law. Additionally, the district shall file a copy of this policy with DESE in accordance with law in a manner requested by DESE.

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LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. 71:2A; 71:96; 272:40A

CROSS REF.: IHAMB, Teaching About Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs
GBEC, Drug Free Workplace Policy